NATURAL NEWS

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WHAT MUSEUM HIGH SCHOOL?

Heard anything? Rumors, myths, mutterings? Don't rely on the gossip, come and find out what's really going on! All staff are invited to attend an information session on the plans in progress for the new Museum High School, a collaboration of the Museum and the Golden Apple Foundation. Director of Education **Mary Ellen Munley** will tell all:

MONDAY, MAY 4, 9:00 a.m.
Montgomery Ward Hall; *and*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 12 noon
In the Zoology Classroom.

Come and listen to what we have planned!

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE CART LOST AGAIN – please return you know where. It's marked!

Good Bye and Best of Luck to Rosaura Boone!

Thursday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Conference Room – Staff and Volunteers Invited!

After working for the Museum for nine years, Rosaura has decided to take some time to pursue personal interests -- including preparations for her wedding in June. Please stop by for coffee and to wish Rosaura all the best. Her last day will be Friday, May 1. -- **Kristen Webber**

Illinois State Academy of Science Meeting held at UIC and Field Museum

The 91st meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science was held at UIC and Field Museum on April 17 and 18. **Larry Heaney** (Zoology) gave the keynote address on Friday evening in Montgomery Ward Theater, entitled "Evolution, Ecology, and Impending Extinction of Biodiversity in the Philippines, a Megadiversity Country." **Greg Mueller** and **Pat Leacock** (Botany) presented a paper on the fungal component of the Illinois Rapid Assessment Program and **Andy Miller** (Botany/UIC graduate student with **Sabine Huhndorf** and **Greg Mueller**) was awarded the best student paper prize in the Botany section for his presentation.

NOW is the time for all good reviewers to come to the aid of their Library! **(See next page)**

Come to the aid of the Library!
The first comprehensive review of the Library's serial subscription list since The Great Depression is about to begin! Museum staff reviewers are encouraged to identify those serial titles essential or useful to the Museum's research, exhibition and educational missions. The result of this process will be the basis for recommend changes for expenditure on the largest item in the non-personnel operating budget of the Academic Affairs division.

During the past two decades, all libraries have struggled to balance skyrocketing costs of publications and finite budgetary resources. Since the mid-1980's, the Library has stayed within budget by selectively canceling journals and cannibalizing funds for book purchasing and other operating needs to maintain our serial subscriptions. Now is the time for all of us to look past the threat of another form to fill out, and realize that the library needs our help to make some difficult decisions and plan for the future. Many considerations enter into the decisions that will ultimately be made. Patterns of past usage, the usage to cost ratio, interlibrary loans, holdings at other regional and national institutions, new electronic journal access, and serials that the Museum does not now receive but should subscribe to are all part of the mix. Your departments will soon receive copies of the complete list of serials titles housed in your departmental or divisional collections, and a list of the titles held in the General Library stacks. All reviewers identified previously by the Science Advisory Council will receive individual ratings sheets by the end of the week.

One aspect of planning the future automated environment of the Library is consideration of the appropriate mix of paper and electronic formats. Presently the cost to libraries for subscription to electronic formats is closely pegged to the cost of the traditional paper format. The Library is presently analyzing the costs of document and electronic content provision through OCLC's FirstSearch Service. OCLC's Articlelst database offers content from 12,500 Journals in the sciences. Of the 125 most expensive serial titles in the Library's database, over 90% are found in the Articlelst title list.

Most of all, realize that this effort is NOT a slash and burn operation! Our goal is much like that of any informed consumer: are we spending our money wisely? are there other things we need that should be on the library shopping list?

Thanks for your help.

Ben Williams, Librarian
Scott Lidgard, Chair, Science Advisory Council

Available, four-column storage unit for wooden specimen trays, four doors on both sides (access possible from both sides). In excellent shape and extremely well-made. Currently located in Room 3902 (A. B. Lewis Laboratory) in Anthropology across from **John Terrell's** office. Take a look. If you like it, contact John (x330) or e-mail. Will be disposed of after May 15.

Construction Update

In preparation for the "re-opening" of The Field Museum in conjunction with the opening of the Museum Campus, many improvements are being made in the public areas. Below is a summary of the status of some of them. If you want more detail or have further questions, please call the "contact" departments.

Project	Contact Department	Status	Scheduled Completion
Grainger Hall	Exhibits	Construction & Installation	May 19
Hall 10 (Northwest Coast)	Exhibits	Design & preliminary restoration	May 29
McDonald's Geology Prep Lab	Exhibits	Construction	May 22
Corner Bakery	Aux. Services & FP&O	Demolition/ Construction	TBD
North Entrance for Corner Bakery	FP&O	Design	TBD
Museum Store	Aux. Services & FP&O	Construction	May 19
McDonald's Renovation/Terrace	Aux. Services & FP&O	Design/ Review	TBD
Washroom (McDonald's) Renovation	FP&O	Construction	May 22
South Entrance	FP&O	Design review – construction to begin by Labor Day	TBD

POWER SHUT-OFF

Work on the emergency generator will necessitate a power shut-off on April 28 from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following day. Before leaving work on April 28, please shut off your computers. Engineering staff will speak to affected departments.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Philippine - A. Trzyna - 8am to 5pm - Clrm 3 Philippine Programs - 8am to 5pm - LH II & Clrm 2 AFC - Family Activity - 9am to 3pm - Classroom I					1 Crane H.S. State Pre-K - 8am to 2pm - LH I Music Theater Workshop - 4pm to 9pm - LH II	2 AFC Program - 8am to 1pm - Clrm 2 and 3 Volunteer Training Session - 9am to 4pm - LH II Overnight For Families - 4:45pm to next morning
3	4 IL Mycological Assoc. - 6pm to 10pm - LH II Chg HgGiding-7pm to 11p-LH I	5 P. Macnamara - Zoology - 9am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2 AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - LH II and Clrm I	6 Public Services AM Meeting - 8:30am to 9am - Classroom I AFC Program- 5pm to 9pm -LH II	7 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - Classroom I Music Theater Workshop - 5pm to 9:30pm - Clrm I	8	9 Volunteer Training Session - 9am to 4pm - LH II UIC Graduate School/Busin. - 2pm to 6pm - Clrm 2 & 3
10	11 Nature Camera Club - 7pm to 11pm - LH II	12 AFC Program - 8am to 12noon - Classroom I Scientific Illustration - Zoology 9am to 3:30pm - Clrm 2 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Classroom I and 2	13 Women's Board Annual Meeting - 9am to 4pm - LH I Park Supervisors - Open House - 10am to 12 noon - LH II AFC Program - 5pm to 9pm - Classroom I	14 Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Classroom I	15	16 Green and Growing Festival - 8am to 4pm - LH I, Clrm 2 and 3, and Dining Rm E Volunteer Training Session - 9am to 4pm - LH II Teacher Orientation/Prog - 10am to 12 noon - Clrm I
17	18 Chicago Mountaineering Club - 6pm to 10pm - LH I	19 AFC Program - 8am to 12noon - Classroom I AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - LH I	20 Public Services AM Meeting - 8:30am to 9am - Classroom I Teacher Prog/Project Teach - 8:30am to 3pm - LH II AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Classroom I Community Open House - 5pm to 7pm - LH I	21 100th Anniversary Celebration - Philippine Independence - Entire Museum Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2	22 100th Anniversary Celebration - Philippine Independence - Entire Museum - All rooms	23 100th Anniversary Celebration - Philippine Independence - Entire Museum AFC Program - 8am to 1pm - Classroom I
24 100th Anniversary Celebration - Philippine Independence - Entire Museum - All rooms	25 100th Anniversary Celebration - Philippine Independence - Entire Museum - All rooms	26 AFC Program - 8am to 12noon - Classroom I	27 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Classroom I Chicago Herpetological Society - 6pm to 10pm - LH I	28 Audience Research Initiative - 11:30am to 1:30pm - LH II Museology Program - 1pm to 4pm - Classroom 2 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - LH II and Clrm I	29 AFC Program - 4pm to 9pm - Classroom I	30 AFC Program - 8am to 1pm - Classroom I, 2 & 3 Philippine Volunteer Training 9am to 4pm - LH I and II

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
2/11/98

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Campaign Ctr/DRA	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Janet Young	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Inst. Adv.	Sarah Gunderson	810	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Erica Blair	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	Exhibits Dept. consulted prior to confirmation
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I = Internal (meetings, etc.)

P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)

S = Special Events

Volunteers! Volunteers!

Requested for Members' Lecture with

E.O. Wilson

May 7, 1998 from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

The Membership Department needs your help for the Members' Lecture with E.O. Wilson. The event includes a reception, lecture in James Simpson Theatre and a book signing in the west lobby. All volunteers will be admitted to the lecture with no charge. Please call x453 if you can lend a hand.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

1. To sell books for the book signing and drink tickets for the bar service from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

2. To serve as ticket-takers at the doors of James Simpson Theatre: 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Applause to **Lionel Dunn**, Security, and **Janet Young**, Development, for volunteering to perform for the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. Some guests commented they enjoyed Lionel and Janet's saxophone jazz over the band.

Special thanks are deserved by **Carol Konieczny**, Special Events, and **Margaret Ketcham**, Development, who pitched in during the set up for the April 20 event for 500 volunteers, guests, and staff supervisors. Three volunteers also helped on their own event day - **Ruth Berns, Lollie Levit** and **Mary Nelson. Jaci Carter, Mary Ann Bloom,** Education and **Cora May,** Education volunteer, assisted with handing our the awards, gifts, and handbooks.

Extra effort and coordination were contributed by Audio Visual, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Engineering, Photography, Security, and Visitor Services. *Hats off* to the entire Human Resources Department, who all were helping me pull this event together during my recovery from surgery, especially to **Joanna Surveyor** for her extra-ordinary assistance and cooperation.

Many thanks to all who made this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner so beautiful and successful. Our volunteer force deserves our praise and gratitude. – **Patti Stratton**

WANT IN? GET YOUR NEW ID BADGES

We will begin installment of the Museum's new ID badge system on Monday, April 27, 1998. This project will last approximately three days and during that time all card reader doors can be accessed by using the same push button code as the one used in the hall leading to the mailroom.

On Tuesday, April 28, for staff convenience, Security Services will have a table set up at the south end of Stanley Field Hall from 6:00 – 9:00 a.m. to issue the new ID badges for those staff members who have already had their pictures taken. After this time, and if you have yet to get your picture taken, badges will need to be picked up in the Security Services Equipment Office.

To receive your new badge you will be required to turn in your old one. There will be a #3 charge for the loss of the old ID badge and this must be paid prior to receiving your new one.

Loss of the new ID badge will result in a $10 charge due to the cost of materials. A $10 deposit will be required of all non-staff members.

At the time of issuance of the new badge you will be required to sign the following agreement:

THE FIELD MUSEUM
SECURITY SERVICES
ID BADGE AGREEMENT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	STATUS	EXT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of a museum ID badge and agree to comply with the museum's ID badge policy, specifically:
I will wear my badge in a visible location at all times while in the Museum.
I will not give or loan my ID badge to any other person.
I will return my badge to Security when I terminate or no longer have authorization for it.
If I have left a deposit for a badge, failure to return the badge or losing the badge will result in loss of my deposit.
If I am a staff member and terminate without turning in my badge, I authorize the Museum to deduct the cost of the badge from my final paycheck.
I acknowledge that failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary or administrative action.

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signature